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# NOAA Volunteers Wanted to Restore the Bay

## Bay Grass Growing and Planting Brownbag Workshop

**When: 12 noon, Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

**Location: SSMC4, 1st FL Conference Room (1W611)**

**Come Get Involved and Help Restore the Chesapeake Bay.** It's that time of year again. Time to set-up the NOAA bay grass growing tanks and to help restore habitat in the Chesapeake Bay. Last year was a big success with over 50 volunteers, seven office grow tanks and 2 planting events. ***Let's try to top that this year!***

For the past two years, volunteers have had a great time both growing bay grass in our Silver Spring offices and planting them at the Otter Point Creek NERRS site. This year, we have **15** grow tanks to be distributed **NOAA-wide**. These grasses will then be planted on **June 15** (rain date: June 17) during the **NOAA Restoration Day** event to be held at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center on the eastern shore of Maryland.

NOAA is leading the way in 2004 by using in-house, scientific expertise to set up the SAV grow tanks through a partnership between NOS/Special Projects, the NOAA Restoration Center, and the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office. Come join us on **March 23 at noon** for a brownbag workshop about Bay Grasses and to help set-up the 15 grow tanks.

**Importance of Bay grasses.** Underwater grasses, also known as submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), play an important role in the health and productivity of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. This grass provides food, habitat and helps keep the water clean.

*Due to limited space, you **MUST RSVP** by **March 16, 2004**. If your office is interested in hosting a tank, please note this in your response. To RSVP and for more information about the upcoming **NOAA Restoration Day (June 15)**, contact:*



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